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1976 VICTORIES OVER ERA!

VIRGINIA: On Feb. 4, the Virginia Senate Committee defeated ERA. This killed ERA for the rest of the year! An attempt was then made to bring up ERA in the House, but it failed there, too.

KENTUCKY: On Feb. 19, the Kentucky House rescinded ERA by a vote of 57 to 40. The rescission motion is now in a Senate Committee.

It is really comical to watch the hysteria of the ERA proponents over this rescission by the Kentucky House. If they believed their own propaganda about rescission being invalid, they wouldn't care when a Legislature passes a rescinding motion! But they are so upset that they are incoherent! They have imported into Kentucky the top pro-ERA VIPs in order to try to stop the rescission motion from passing the Senate.

RESCISSION OF ERA

If you are working on rescission of ERA, it is absolutely essential that you have a copy of "YES ... WE CAN RESCIND ERA." This is a booklet of impressive legal documentation showing the validity of rescission, including convincing statements from Senator Sam Ervin, Professor Charles Black, Professor Philip Kurland, and the Library of Congress. To get your copy, send \$2 to Michigan Stop ERA, P. O. Box 19161, Detroit, Mich. 42819.

Since the publication of this booklet, it is unlikely that any lawyer will risk his professional reputation by declaring that ERA cannot be rescinded.

TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL TUITION?

We have formed a new committee called AMERICANS UNITED FOR EQUAL JUSTICE IN EDUCATION. Mr. Abe Kalish, nationally known authority on education, and I will be co-chairmen. We are now in the process of assembling a national committee of educators, parents, private school administrators, and others who will work to get fair treatment for taxpayers who are paying school tuition.

JULY LIB PROPAGANDA PUSH

The women's libbers have a new plan for spreading their propaganda with other people's money. They are currently putting strenuous pressure on all women's magazines to make them agree to have an article promoting ERA in their July 1976 issue. Some have already agreed to do this; others are waiting to see which way the wind blows.

Please write immediately -- and get all your friends to write immediately -- the following magazines, saying, in your own words:

I hear that the ERA proponents are asking you to publish an article in your July magazine promoting the Equal Rights Amendment. Please give "equal rights" to those opposed to ERA by giving equal space to a fair presentation of the arguments against ERA. The referendums in New York and New Jersey last November conclusively prove that the big majority of women oppose the fraud called ERA.

Here is the list of magazines to write to. If you think of any other women's magazines, write to them, too.

WOMEN'S DAY, 1515 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y. 10019.
FAMILY CIRCLE, 488 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10019.
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, 959 8th Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10019.
LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, 641 Lexington, N.Y. 10022.
COSMOPOLITAN, 959 8th Ave., N.Y., N.Y., 10019.
McCALL'S, 230 Park Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017.
REDBOOK, 230 Park Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017.
MADEMOISELLE, 420 Lexington, N.Y., N.Y. 10017.
GLAMOUR, 350 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017.
COED, Scholastic Magazine, 50 W. 44th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10036.
SEVENTEEN, 850 3rd St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022.

In many areas, the problems of the public schools are insoluble. There were 100 murders, 9,000 rapes, and 12,000 armed robberies in public schools last year. Please act now!

You can help by securing extra copies of the Feb. P.S. Report for all the private schools in your area and asking them to distribute copies to their alumni, students, and parents. We must get massive distribution of the facts involved in this issue.

DO BABIES NEED A MOTHER'S CARE?

State nurseries for all children, regardless of family income, is a major objective of the anti-family women's lib movement. This is a natural corollary of their rationale that it is so unfair for society to expect mothers to care for their babies, and mothers must be relieved of this unequal burden in order to achieve their full equality (by working in more fulfilling paid employment, such as coal mines, construction work, etc.).

To most people, it is a self-evident truth that babies need a mother's care for proper growth and development.

But for those who need this truth to be scientifically proved, there is an excellent 30-minute 16 mm movie which does a most convincing and effective job. It is called "ROCKABYE BABY." It is a TIME-LIFE film, and is available from most public libraries at free or low-cost rental for showings to your groups. Basically, the film shows scientific experiments which prove that babies and monkeys are retarded when they are deprived of the regular and loving care of a mother.

I highly recommend this film for showing in schools, to young people, and to others who need to be persuaded that mothers are better for babies than state nurseries.

Thanks to the Colorado League of Housewives, our Eagle Forum affiliate, for bringing this film to our attention.

SINGLE-SEX COLLEGES

My Feb. P.S. Report described in detail why ERA will make it impossible to maintain or attend a single-sex college -- because, by definition, such a college discriminates on the basis of sex. It is important to note that the pro-ERAers are NOT denying this:

(1) I debated Betty Friedan on Boston TV and used this argument. She is a Smith College graduate (all-women's college). She did not deny this.

(2) I debated Karen de Crow, the head of NOW, at Yale University. She did not deny it.

(3) I used this argument at a press conference in Washington, D.C. which was reported in the NEW YORK TIMES. The reporter apparently phoned the IWY Commission to get their rebuttal. While the IWY spokesperson tried to deny another point, there was no refutation of the point about single-sex colleges.

There are at least 50 all-women's colleges in the U.S. I don't care whether they go coed or not; I personally prefer coed colleges. But it certainly shows the irrational and totalitarian compulsion of ERA that it will use the great power of the Federal Government to wipe out single-sex colleges.

"NOW" MOVES IN ON ILLINOIS, FLORIDA, INDIANA, MISSOURI AND NEVADA

On Feb. 15, the National Organization for Women (NOW) ran a \$10,000 ad in the NEW YORK TIMES soliciting money and workers to lobby for ratification of ERA. The ad stated:

"We've established the NOW ERA fund to channel contributions to Illinois and to Florida, Indiana, Missouri, and Nevada -- where ERA campaigns are underway and ERA votes are pending. ... Illinois is a NOW priority. ... NOW has established a statewide organization to lobby, publicize, and politick for ERA in Illinois. ... Our major undertaking is planned for one month before the state Senate vote: a weekend of door-to-door canvassing for ERA, statewide and in key districts. On this 'National Equal Rights Weekend,' we will bring thousands of Americans and many prominent speakers to Springfield to focus attention on the state legislature. Similar actions are planned in other NOW priority states throughout the year. NOW is doing its part for ERA."

There are two things you have to give the NOW women libbers credit for: (1) they work hard, and (2) they put their money where their mouth is.

The question is, do you? Do you (1) work as hard as they do? (2) with as much perseverance and determination and single-purpose dedication? (3) putting aside petty personal differences and always keeping your eye on the larger objective? (4) do you put your money where your mouth is? (5) backing the candidates who stuck by us and voted NO when we asked them to?

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

To cheer your day, go to your local public library and read the article in the March issue of MS Magazine on page 64 called "ERA: What the Hell Happened in New York?" Then read the second article on page 67 called "The 400,000 Vote Misunderstanding." The libs still can't believe that they lost in New York -- and they are trying to figure out why.

HOW TO GET PUBLICITY IN THE PRO-ERA PRESS

Our Georgia Eagles know how to do it! They got a handsome State Legislator to hold up one of our bumper strips: "You Can't Fool Mother Nature." The UPI picture was printed all over the country -- including the WASHINGTON STAR!!

YOUR PART IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Send us news of your local activities and successes that our Eagles in other parts of the country would benefit from knowing about.

Phyllis Schaffly